

provides extended income support to help the unemployed with grocery bills, mortgages, car and tuition payments, and other expenses, but also offers a means to help target reemployment services to the structurally unemployed so they can get back to work.

Enactment of this bill is an important first step. While there are funds available to pay EUC benefits for a few more weeks, the funds for the balance of the extension are included as part of my economic stimulus package. The EUC extension will help sustain the unemployed until we are successful in creating more jobs. It is therefore also imperative that we now work together to enact quickly the stimulus package, as well as the long-term public investment and deficit reduction proposals I have presented. These actions will ensure strong, sustained economic growth and significantly increase the job opportunities available to the American people.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
March 4, 1993.

NOTE: H.R. 920, approved March 4, was assigned Public Law No. 103-6.

**Letter to Governor Mike Lowry on
Disaster Assistance for Washington**
March 4, 1993

Dear Governor Lowry:

As requested, I have declared a major disaster under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (the Stafford Act) for the State of Washington due to damage resulting from severe storms and high winds on January 20-21, 1993. I have authorized Federal relief and recovery assistance in the affected area.

Public Assistance will be provided. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs in the designated areas.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") will coordinate Federal

assistance efforts and designate specific areas eligible for such assistance. The Federal Coordinating Officer will be Mr. John Kainrad of FEMA. He will consult with you and assist in the execution of the FEMA-State Disaster Assistance Agreement governing the expenditure of Federal Funds.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

NOTE: This letter was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary but was not issued as a White House press release.

**Letter to the Acting Director of the
Federal Emergency Management
Agency on Disaster Assistance for
Washington**
March 4, 1993

Dear Mr. Tidball:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Washington, resulting from severe storms and high winds on January 20-21, 1993, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act ("the Stafford Act"). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Washington.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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Nomination of Russell F. Canan To Be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia

March 4, 1993

The President has nominated Russell F. Canan to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. In doing so, the President discharged his responsibility under local law to select a nominee from a list of candidates originally submitted last year by the District of Columbia Judicial Nominating Commission.

"I was impressed with all of the candidates," said the President, "but Russ Canan stood out because of his broad support within the District of Columbia legal community, including Mayor Kelly's personal recommendation, and because of the impressive track record he has accumulated in 16 years of law practice in Washington. Above all, we heard nothing but the highest praise for Mr. Canan's professional skills and talents from those who know his work the best: the many judges on the Superior Court before whom he has practiced."

Mr. Canan is a partner in the firm of Canan, Keirsh & Lobo, specializing in criminal law. He was previously a partner in the firms of Milliken, Van Susteren & Canan; and Canan, Burns & O'Toole. Mr. Canan has also served as an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center, and the Washington College of Law at American University. In 1983, he worked as a staff attorney for the Southern Prisoners' Defense Committee.

He received his J.D. from Antioch School of Law in 1976, and his B.A. from Syracuse University in 1972. He worked as law clerk to the Hon. John D. Fauntleroy in 1975-76, and for the legal assistance branch of D.C. Superior Court after graduation from law school in 1976.

Mr. Canan's law practice has also included many complex civil litigation matters and extensive *pro bono* representations in both civil and criminal cases.

Remarks on Mayoral Support for the Economic Plan and an Exchange With Reporters

March 5, 1993

The President. I want to thank all of the Mayors who spoke and all the ones who are here who have not spoken for their strong support without regard to party or region or the size of the communities from which they come. As a matter of fact, when I heard the Mayor of York, Pennsylvania, speak, I was trying to decide whether his tie was a Republican or a Democratic tie. [*Laughter*] I think it is really an all-American tie. It's a bold tie, the Vice President said. [*Laughter*]

I want to say a special word of thanks, too, to the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Henry Cisneros, who is with us, who has worked very closely with the Mayors.

I have just a few things I want to say about this. First of all, any Mayor who has served for any length of time has been compelled to make the kinds of choices that are embodied in this economic program. If you look at the budgets of the cities of this country or the budgets of the States of this country over the last decade you will see the choices that have been imposed in order to balance books and keep the functions of our cities running, in order to deal with relative reductions in Federal assistance and all the economic crises that have ripped our communities. Mayors have learned to cut budgets and to shift funds away from inessential things toward investments in our futures.

I know that that is one reason that Mayors intuitively and without regard to party have responded to my efforts to increase investment and reduce the deficit at the same time. We have to do both. Today there was a report that the unemployment rate in February dropped to 7 percent, one-tenth of 1 percent, and that 365,000 jobs were created, an estimated 365,000 jobs. That is good news. But if you look behind the numbers, it also reveals the stark challenges before us, for most of those jobs were part-time jobs, and we are still about 3 million jobs behind where we would ordinarily be in a recovery.